

# POINTS OF UNITY

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## **SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM**

Our main mission is to overthrow capitalist commodity production, and create communism. The party project is to change the social and underlying economic order to radically transform the nature of humankind itself. There must be a period of socialist construction to achieve communism: a world without the property relationships of class, race, or gender, in which people are free to thrive harmoniously with each other and with the world around them.

## **DIALECTICAL MATERIALISM**

We adhere to the scientific study of motion, contradiction, and synthesis. This methodology permits us to analyze the current situation in terms of its political economy. In order to practice this science, we must also unite theory with practice; it is not an academic discipline, but is instead focused on doing and creating.

## **REVOLUTION**

Centuries of dialectical materialist thought have shown us that the only way to overthrow the current capitalist order in the imperial core is through revolution. None of us crave or glorify violence, but neither are we naive. The ruling bourgeoisie will never give up their privileges and hoarded wealth without a fight. The ruling bourgeoisie has used brutal violence to suppress progressive political organization throughout its history. The present moment is no exception, and our plans will account for the illegal and illegitimate use of violence against us and other revolutionaries.

## **DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM**

We adhere to the strict practice of Democratic Centralism. By Democratic we mean the deliberative body of the Party must engage in a thorough, searching, and complete investigation on every topic before coming to a decision – it must contact every organ of the Party from top to bottom and solicit opinions from all Members before adopting a political line. By Centralism we mean that the deliberative body of the Party and that body alone has the final word on all issues.

Once an issue has been thoroughly, fully, and completely debated before the deliberative body, that issue shall thereafter be considered closed and decided unless a two-thirds majority of that body determine that it is ripe for re-examination.

All Members must abide by the decisions of the Party organs. All Members must immediately and thoroughly submit themselves to censure and self-criticism when a censuring organ so demands it. Only through the willing subordination of the individual ego to the Party can the Party properly engage in the necessary struggle to advance its line, establish discipline, and act in a fashion best fit to serve the people.

## **ANTI-ADVENTURISM**

While we recognize the absolute necessity of revolution, we also condemn the liberal-individualist acts of adventurism that sometimes accompany that goal. The only way to bring about permanent, lasting, progressive social change is by mobilizing the masses, organizing the revolutionary vanguard, and adhering to political discipline in all matters.

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## **ANTI-IMPERIALISM**

We acknowledge the primary contradiction in the modern capitalist period is imperialism in all its forms: both the imperialism of the Western capitalist nations seeking to re-colonize the East and South, as well as the internal imperialist policies of the great oppressor-empire of the United States. We oppose U.S. intervention in all conflicts. We never criticize nations targeted by U.S. aggression. We withhold public judgment on the merits of their internal political structures.

## **NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION**

We understand that the relationship between nationality and imperialism is a complex one. Oppressor nations must be suppressed, while the oppressed nations must be granted self-determination in order to break free of imperial domination. While we are in this phase of the struggle, it is possible to ally with and even unite with, the most progressive of national forces in the oppressed nations.

## **SETTLER COLONIALISM**

Under imperial settler-colonialism, race has developed into a property relationship between the settler nation and the oppressed nationalities it imprisons and erases. Settler-colonialism is a particular type of colonialism that focuses on the eradication of Indigenous populations and the expropriation of their resources and land. In the United States, settler-colonialism unites with slave-imperialism to produce the property relationship of race; not only is class racialized, but race itself presents a particular relation to property which determines when and how such property can be violently expropriated from those living within the empire. We understand that racism is not an abstract idea, nor is it the abstract joinder of color prejudice with institutional power, as liberals would have it. Racism is a direct effect of imperialism. It is a property relationship that serves to objectify members of an entire population through pseudoscience, to dismember their psyches and reify them, and to transform human beings into little more than disposable machinery for labor and exploitation. To that end, we firmly stand

against not only this imperialist formation, but against the material relations that reproduce it. We firmly espouse a land back regime that includes the re-establishment of Indigenous sovereignty and the establishment of the sovereignty of the oppressed subjugated nations within the United States. Such a regime would incorporate absolute veto power and consultation over all land use to reside in such communities, as well as guaranteed political representation.

## THE MASS LINE

It is our duty to unite with the most progressive elements of the proletariat, to educate the middle elements, and to isolate the regressive elements. We must understand what the masses need, the current development of their class-consciousness, and form a comprehensive plan to engage that consciousness. We must avoid the error of commandism: we must stand at the head of the masses by uniting with their most progressive elements. We cannot demand the masses catch up with us. We must avoid the twin error of tailism: we cannot flag behind the masses and propose a regressive program.

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## MATERIAL FEMINISM

We aim to overthrow the material conditions and to extinguish the hierarchical property relationship within gender. We are explicitly feminist, and embrace all people that have been traditionally oppressed by the Western chauvinist gender structure: cis and trans women, trans men, and nonbinary people. Under capitalism, sex work and reproductive labor are part of the same system that extracts labor from oppressed genders. We stand for the decriminalization of sex workers and an end to coerced reproductive labor.

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## ECOSOCIALISM

Capitalism is insatiable. It deliberately consumes resources at an exponentially increasing pace, even when its production is neither socially desirable or necessary. This extractive mania has already wrought havoc across the planet, and threatens to destroy the world's ecosystems. In order to avoid an ecological catastrophe of geologic proportions, we adhere to a strict program of rethinking industry from the ground up, decreasing first-world computing machinery, and engaging in a global effort to repair the damage done by imperialism and colonialism through ongoing material reparations to the third-world and the global south.

## ANTI-INDIVIDUALISM

No person exists independently of other people, and this interdependence must form the basis of a socialist ethic. We categorically reject subjective individualism as a basis for analysis, for thought, and for morality. Neither does any person exist independently of nature. Human interests cannot meaningfully be disconnected from the interests of the world; to do so inevitably leads to the exploitation of our ecosystems in unsustainable ways.

## CREATING AN ECOSOCIALIST FUTURE

We work to develop a theoretical foundation from which to rethink human participation in the ecosystem which does not rely on the distinction between humankind and its environment. We are not, as a Party, vegetarian or vegan, and we do not promote the needs of non-human components of the ecosystem over human ones. We aim to liberate ourselves not only from the constraints of class society, but from the ecological crisis of our age, and to create a world where all can grow and thrive.

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## ACCESSIBILITY

Capitalism measures individual human beings against their capacity to do productive labor. This fixation on the productive labor of the individual gave rise to the psuedo-science of eugenics and the grouping of individuals into ranked categories of productivity. We reject the very foundational assumptions that give rise to the ableist structure of bourgeois capitalist society. Although disability is itself not a property relation, it does give rise to property relations under U.S. law. We reject the measurement of human value through the lens of productivity; we reject the view that considers individuals only worth what they can produce for the ruling class; we reject categorically the U.S. legal status that relegates certain members of the working class unable to conform to socially average levels of production, and not others, based on arbitrary and psuedo-scientific criteria, to the property relation of "disability," which imposes punitive limits on property and restrictions on ownership.

The Party strives to be accessible to all, and we hold firmly that there is work for all to do in building the revolution and the world to follow, whether they conform to the capitalist conception of appropriate productivity or not. By rejecting this at its root, we reject also the entire branch of false science that supports and nourishes eugenics and the U.S. imperial fascination with human breeding programs, sterilization, and every horror that has stemmed from it. By rejecting this capitalist construct, we dedicate ourselves to the construction of a future society that disposes of ableism in every form.